

School of Health and Human Services Newsletter  
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## Greetings from the Dean

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the early April edition of our newsletter.

My second year as Interim Dean of the School of Health and Human Services has gone by very quickly and we now approach the end of spring semester and the wonderful events that surround this time of year - awards, scholarship receptions and commencement. Most of this is accompanied by warmer weather too which always helps.



This has been an exciting and productive year. I am fortunate to be in a school with the excellent quality and commitment of our faculty, staff and community partners. We would not be able to prepare our students with the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes without everyone working together to support their success. Our Mission to "prepare our students to be leaders, scholars and professional's in promoting and providing lifelong optimal health and wellness" guides us in our work and I see it play out in so many ways every day.

Recently, you may have noticed some SCSU videos that use the tagline "You'll think. You'll do. You'll make a difference at St. Cloud State University."

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/news/newsrelease/default.asp?pubID=3&issueID=34002&storyID=39737>

With applied learning at the forefront - a hallmark of our programs in SHHS - the videos highlight SCSU's vast programming opportunities, approachable faculty, sustainability efforts, affordability, community engagement, diversity and student successes.

All of us in the School of Health and Human Services see a clear alignment to the broader learning commitments of our university. In our school, when our students "think, do and make a difference", we know the critical health, social, economic and personal impact that is being made on people in our community and their families. In this semester alone, we have over 850 students placed in community sites working with our partners to support optimal health and wellness. The difference we all make is significant. I am grateful to all of our community partners who make this possible and I look forward to welcoming them and recognizing their work on May 8th, 2013.

At our upcoming spring commencement in May, we anticipate nearly 318 bachelor's degrees and 115 master's degrees will be conferred to SHHS students. I look forward to meeting our graduates and their families and to congratulating you all on May 5th.

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to our departmental, program and Dean's scholarship funds. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to award 40 scholarships this year. Our Scholarship reception is on April 17th. I invite you all to attend and celebrate our students and their success.

With best wishes,

Monica Devers  
Interim Dean

## 2013 Excellence in Leadership Awards

Please join us in congratulating the five students from SHHS who have been selected for the 2013 Excellence in Leadership Awards:

**Rosemary D. Fisher:** Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Tricia Simon:** College Counseling and Student Development

**Laura Steinhoff:** Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Ritu Tamang:** Community Health

**Paula V. Woischke:** Gerontology

The 2012-13 Excellence in Leadership Award Winners will be recognized at the 25th Annual Excellence in Leadership Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 21, 2013 in the Atwood Ballroom.

## Department News

### Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy

In March, final approval from President Potter was granted for an official name change for the Counseling and Community Psychology Department. The new name of the department is now Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy (CPCF).

### MAMFT SOS Presents: "How do I touch thee...Let me count the ways".

Join Manijeh Daneshpour and Iman Dadras as they present on the power of interpersonal touch including vital parts of Virginia Satir's model in terms of use in Family therapy. Critical evaluation of recent research on the power of interpersonal touch from cognitive, social psychology, neuroscience and cultural anthropology fields and the way Marriage & Family Therapists can use this information when working with clients in therapy will be a main focus of this presentation. This presentation will take place in **EB A226 on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00-Noon**. This is a free event and open to the public.

### Nuclear Medical/Radiologic Technology

Dr. Steven Ratliff, along with three team members (Dr. Kevin Haglin, Dr. Ken Miller, and Dr. Mark Petzold) submitted a Provost Action Grant proposal, "Course Development for Nuclear Engineering Minor," which was approved for funding. "The purpose of the project is to study options for course offerings and course development that relate to Nuclear Engineering and to study options for how to offer a Nuclear Engineering minor, and to move forward, as appropriate. The project aligns with the COSE [College of Science and Engineering] objective, 'Ensure student success by investing in a student culture of innovation and collaboration' and with COSE goal 4, 'Review current, develop new and support existing successful programs.' It also aligns with the Chemistry and Physics Extraordinary Education Project 1, 'Physics and Optics Enhancement,' which proposed: '...we endeavor to establish pathways for students to learn about nuclear reactor physics power delivery systems. In particular, we propose to develop and offer a nuclear engineering minor- an interdisciplinary effort between engineering programs and physics.' "

## Student News

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Congratulations to Whitney Holman for receiving the Plural Publishing Research Master's Award for 2013. This award will be announced at the annual conference of the Council of Academic Programs for Communication Sciences and Disorders in Phoenix, AZ in April.

### Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy

Emmanuel Oppong, who came to Minnesota from Ghana, West Africa, will receive the President's Student Leadership Award. Oppong is a graduate student working toward a master's degree in Community Counseling and a graduate certificate in Chemical Dependency. He is active in St. Cloud State student government as well as several youth mentoring programs, including the Mentors Inspiring Success program through the YMCA in Elk River that works to reduce youth involvement with drugs and alcohol, and Talent Emergence International, an organization that works to develop talents and skills in former child soldiers. He also has been part of a volunteer mentor program through which he counseled adolescents at the St. Cloud Area Learning Center, an alternative learning environment for teen parents, and has worked in a number of volunteer efforts to raise awareness of social justice issues.



Read more about Emmanuel here:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/news/newsrelease/default.asp?pubID=3&issueID=34300&storyID=40328&SIimageID=15097>

### Gerontology

Njeri Clement, a Women's Studies major, Gerontology minor, and Social Responsibility graduate student, has been awarded the 2013 Newman Civic Fellowship. Here is a lovely blurb about her insightful and dedicated contributions to education, fundraising and organizing around issues facing women and children in Africa.

<http://www.compact.org/initiatives/awards-programs/the-frank-newman-leadership-award/the-2013-newman-civic-fellows/njeri-clement-st-cloud-state-university/>

Please join us in congratulating Njeri for this well-deserved honor!



### Kinesiology

In celebration of Athletic Training Month, the Student Athletic Training Association (SATA) held an event to raise awareness of the profession and the academic program here at SCSU. Both full-time athletic trainers, the graduate assistant athletic trainers, as well as student athletic trainers contribute greatly to the healthcare and athletic success of SCSU athletics teams. SCSU Athletic training students will also be going to TRIA to observe an orthopedic surgery. This event gives students the unique opportunity to witness amazing and advanced medical practices that allow an athlete's return to activity after sustaining a serious injury.

In February, the SCSU ATEP team (Ben E Johnson, Amanda Blume, and Bill Picconatto) raised \$525 dollars for the Minnesota Chapter of the American Lung Association at its annual stair climbing event.

## Student News (continued)

### Nursing

On February 28th, the Senior Nursing students and two faculty attended Student Nurses Day on the Hill. 300 Nursing students from all over the state gathered in St. Paul to lobby legislators for the future of nursing.



### Alumni News

**Lori Raiber**, a SCSU Social Work graduate, took over leadership of the nonprofit agency Tri-Cap on Jan. 29 as the new Executive Director.

**Suyan Hu**, a 2012 Medical Lab Science graduate, passed the BOC MLS (ASCP) exam and received a job offer from the University of Maryland Medical Center as the OPT in April.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Angel's Inspiration- CANCELLED**

Tuesday, April 9th, 12:30-1:45, Atwood Ballroom

#### **SHHS Scholarship Reception**

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30-5:00, Atwood Voyageurs

#### **SHHS Community Appreciation Event**

Wednesday, May 8th, 4:30- 6:00, Atwood Voyageurs

#### **SHHS Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony**

Sunday, May 12th, 8:15, Ritsche Auditorium

Please RSVP to [shhs@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:shhs@stcloudstate.edu) if you plan to attend.

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